

REMARKS

In this Amendment, applicants have amended claim 23 to positively recite the step of providing a deflection roller to present adequate antecedent basis for later-appearing references to the deflection roller. This amendment is believed to overcome the rejection of claims 23-25 on the basis of 35 U.S.C. 112. Additional housekeeping amendments have been made to claims 21 and 22 to eliminate abbreviations and to eliminate number references to illustrated elements.

Additional amendments have been made to claim 23 to distinguish the claimed invention from Klitzsch et al. Applicants have recited the additional steps of molding a module support with an integrally formed peg, and fastening the window-lifting rail to the module support by inserting the peg into the outward formation. Neither of these steps is disclosed in Klitzsch et al. These additional steps allow for a relatively simple manner of manufacturing which makes do with only very few components. Claim 23 as now amended patentably distinguishes the applicants' manufacturing methods from the prior art and should be allowed along with the dependent claims 24 and 25.

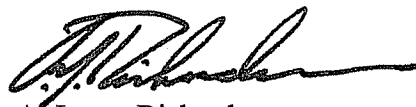
Applicants have also amended claim 14 to better distinguish applicants' invention from the prior disclosed in Samways et al. Figure 5 of Samways et al. shows a fairly complex structure of a separate shell bearing 15 mechanically coupled to the rail or guide bar 6. A separate threaded fastener 16 passes through the interior of the shell bearing 15 to engage alignment bushing 17 so as to secure the support module 1 to the rail or guide bar 6. By contrast, applicants' invention as claimed in claim 14 requires rail have an outward formation integrally unitary with the rail receiving the deflection roller, and that the outward formation include a recess. A typical structure illustrating this formation is shown in Figure 2 of the present application. Applicants' invention as claimed in

claim 14 additionally requires that the module support include a peg integrally unitary with the module support received within the recess of the outward formation. A typical structure illustrating this formation is shown in Figure 3 of the present application. As discussed in paragraph [0013] of this published application, the unitary formation of the peg with the module support achieves the exact positioning of the deflection roller with respect to the module support. This provides for greater structural and functional reliability by eliminating at least one element from the tolerance chain. Applicants' simpler and thus more uniform structure also simplifies the manufacturing task and enhances the structural stability of the deflection roller installation. Further advantages of the structure claimed in amended claim 14 are to be found in paragraphs [0007] and [0008] of this published application as well as in paragraph [0037].

Applicants have added new claims 26 and 27 which are narrower statements of the invention than are found in the prior claims.

With the forgoing changes to the claims, applicants submit that the present application is placed in condition for allowance. The subscribing attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview should the Examiner believe that an additional recitation is needed to place any of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

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